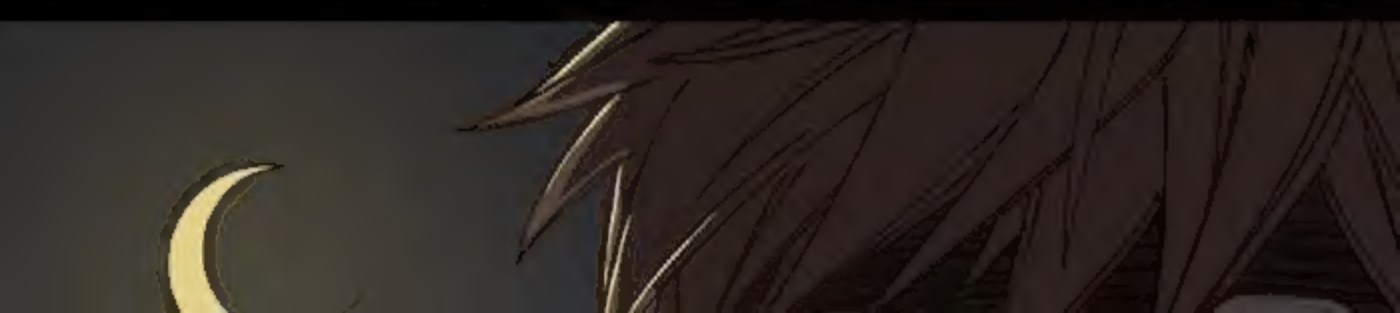

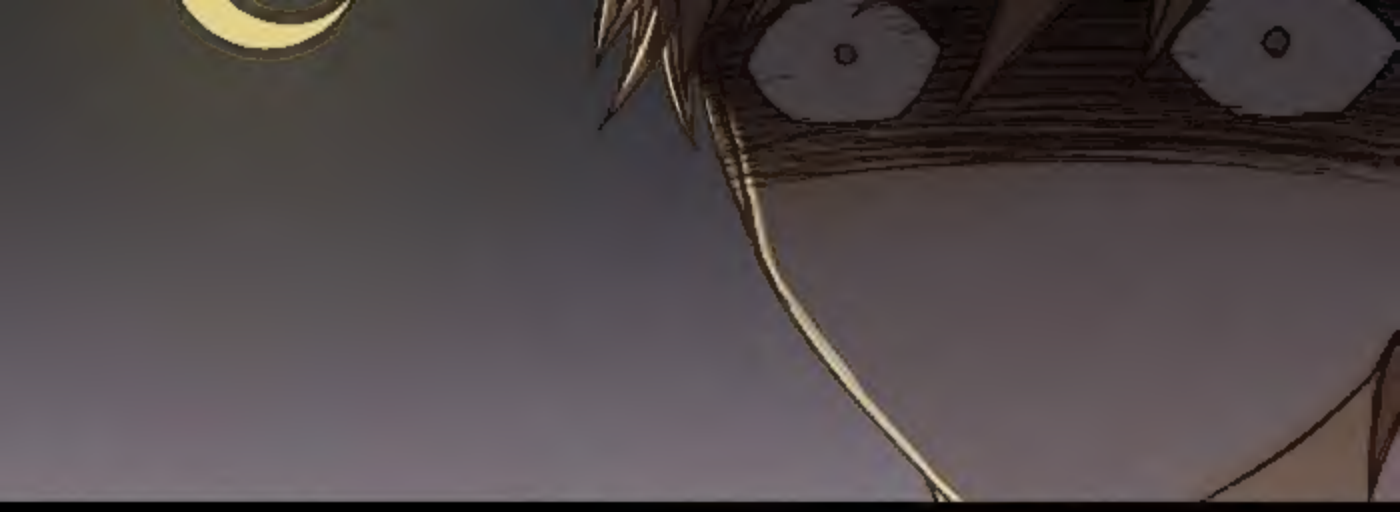

WHO GOES THERE?
FLINCH

...!
you...

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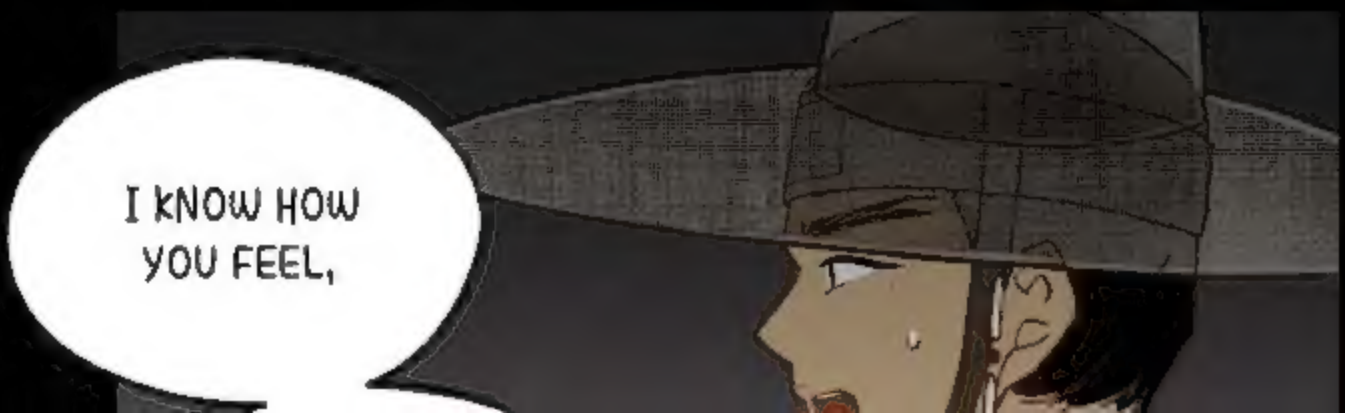

I KNOW HOW
YOU FEEL,

BUT DON'T DO THIS.
IF YOU TAKE OUT YOUR ANGER LIKE THIS, DO YOU THINK YOUR LIFE WILL BE SPARED YET AGAIN?
...

WAIT...

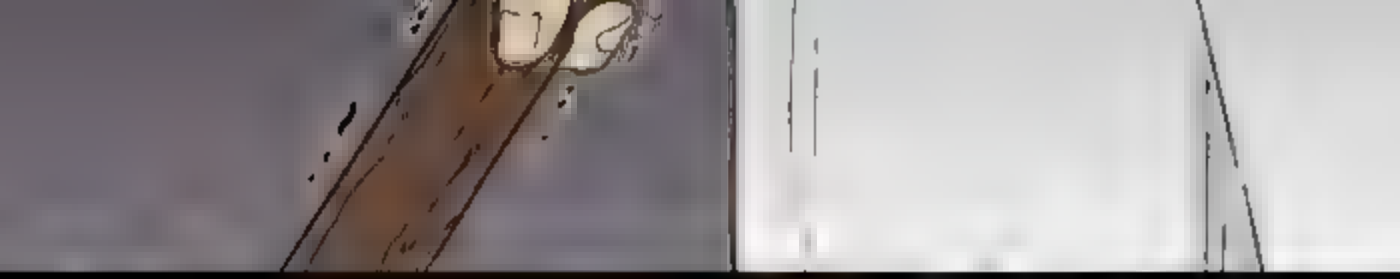
STEP
STEP
WAIT!
THUD

I KNOW.
I KNOW THAT MY
FAMILY AND I...

...HAVE DONE SOMETHING UNFORGIVABLE TO YOU AND OUR COLLEAGUES.
I WILL SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE...
...REPENTING FOR NOT STOPPING MY FATHER DESPITE KNOWING OF HIS SCHEMES...

...BUT AS MY FATHER'S SON...
...HOW COULD I DARE BREAK THE BONDS OF FAMILY?

IF YOU WERE IN MY PLACE,
COULD YOU BETRAY YOUR PARENTS AND CLAN...
...FOR A GREATER CAUSE?
CLENCH



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...LO...
HELLO...

HELLO!
STARTLE

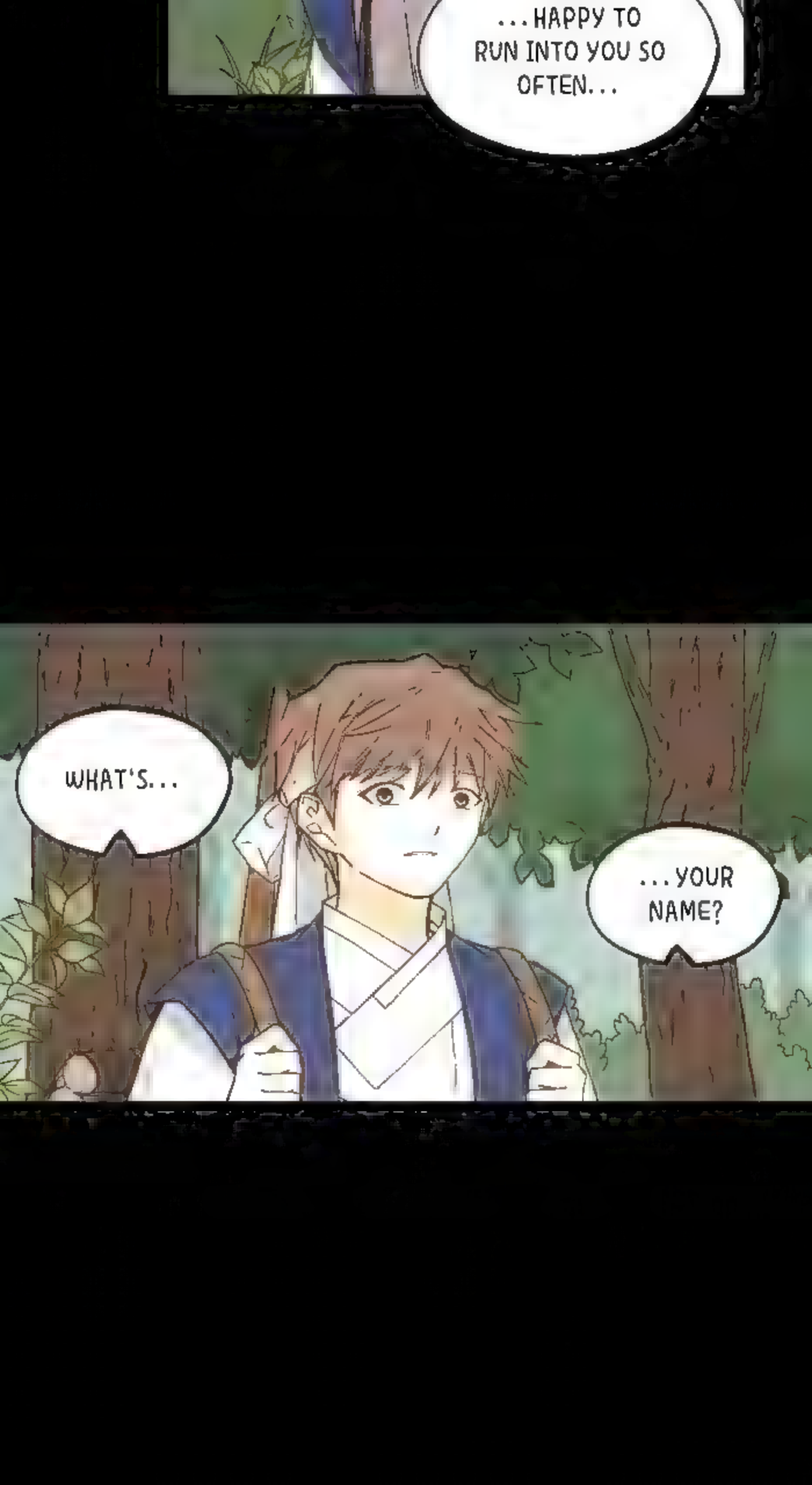
WHAT ARE YOU SO BUSY THINKING ABOUT?
AH...

YOU DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE I WAS HERE...
DID YOU COME BACK BECAUSE YOU NEEDED HERBS?
NO, I'M FINE.
I'LL LEAVE

NOW.
OH...!
IF YOU DON'T WANT HERBS, I KNOW WHERE YOU CAN FIND GINSENG. DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU?
NO, I DON'T NEED IT...
UM... THEN WHAT ABOUT GOLD DEPOSITS OR WATER WITH HEALING PROPERTIES?
NO, THANK YOU.

AM I BUGGING YOU?
...

I WAS JUST...


...HAPPY TO RUN INTO YOU SO OFTEN...
WHAT'S...
...YOUR NAME?

...
I DON'T HAVE ONE.
Y-YOU DON'T HAVE A NAME?
WHY NOT...?

I'M BEATEN EVERY DAY...
...TO FORGET ABOUT IT.
B-BUT STILL...
YOU HAVE A LAST NAME, RIGHT?

IT'S KIM.
WHAT A NUISANCE.
OH, KIM!

THEN... CAN I CALL YOU MISTER KIM?

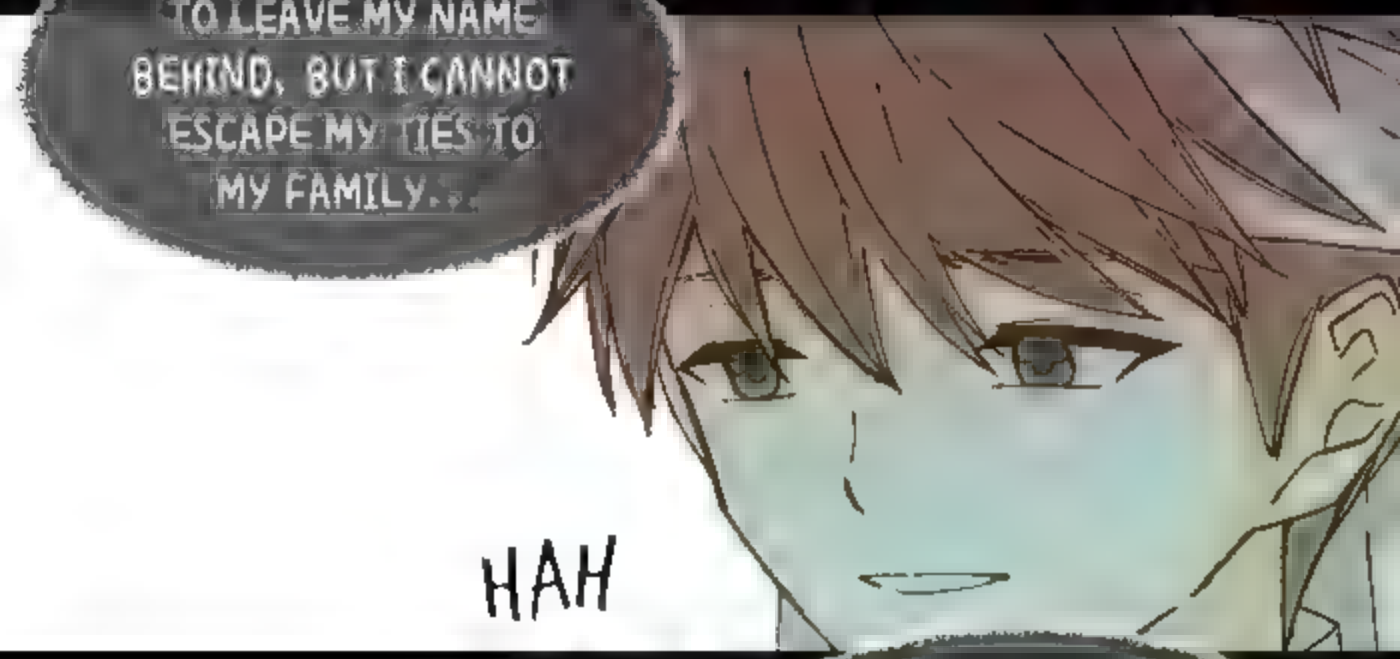
WHAT?
MISTER KIM...

HAH...

AHAHAHA!
STARTLE
WHY?
WHAT IS IT?
NOTHING,
IT'S JUST...
I'M ALWAYS
TOLD TO KNOW MY
PLACE...
HUH?

THAT NAME SEEMS TO FIT ME THE BEST.

I NEED TO LEAVE MY NAME BEHIND, BUT I CANNOT ESCAPE MY TIES TO MY FAMILY...

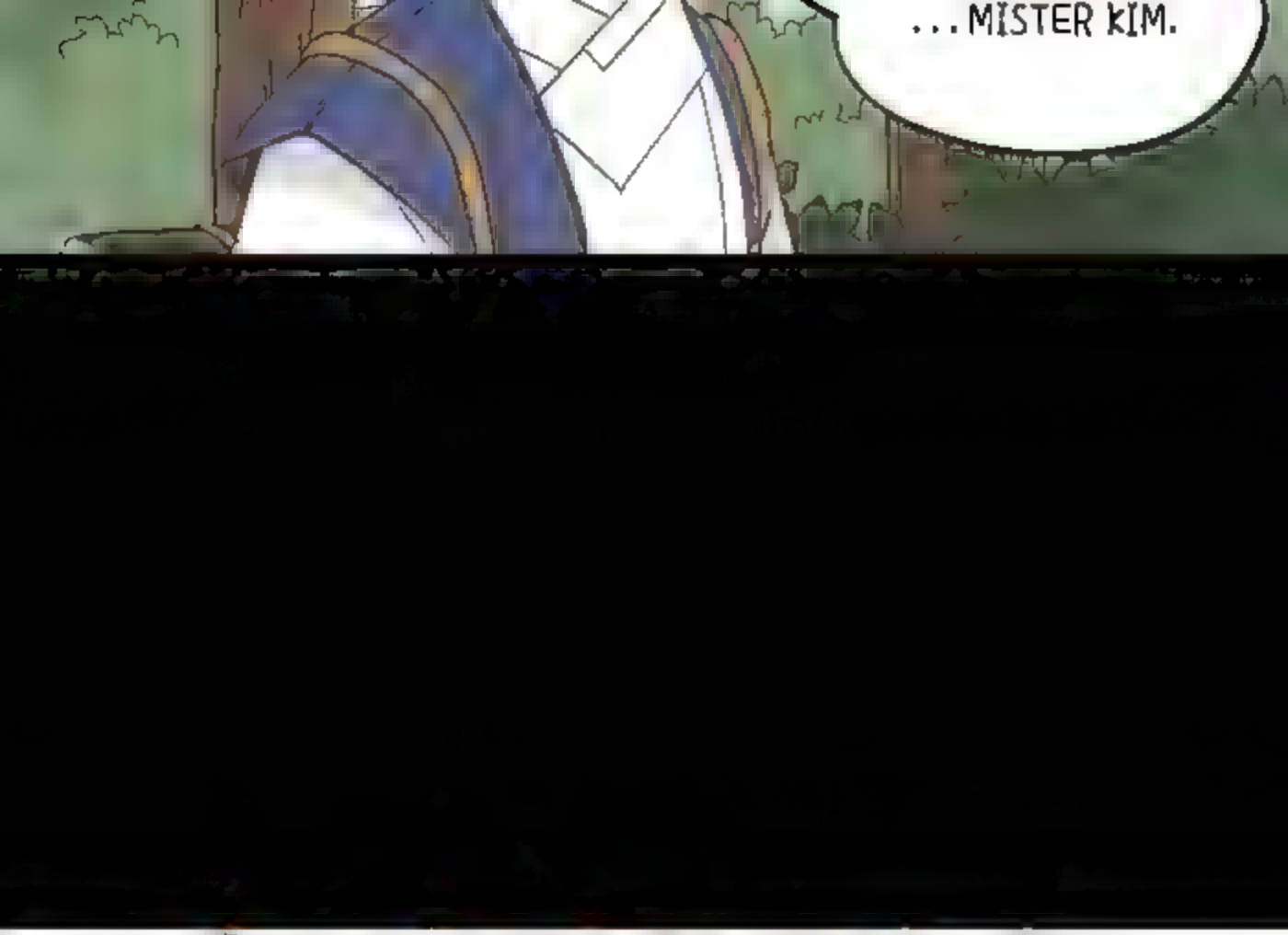


HAH

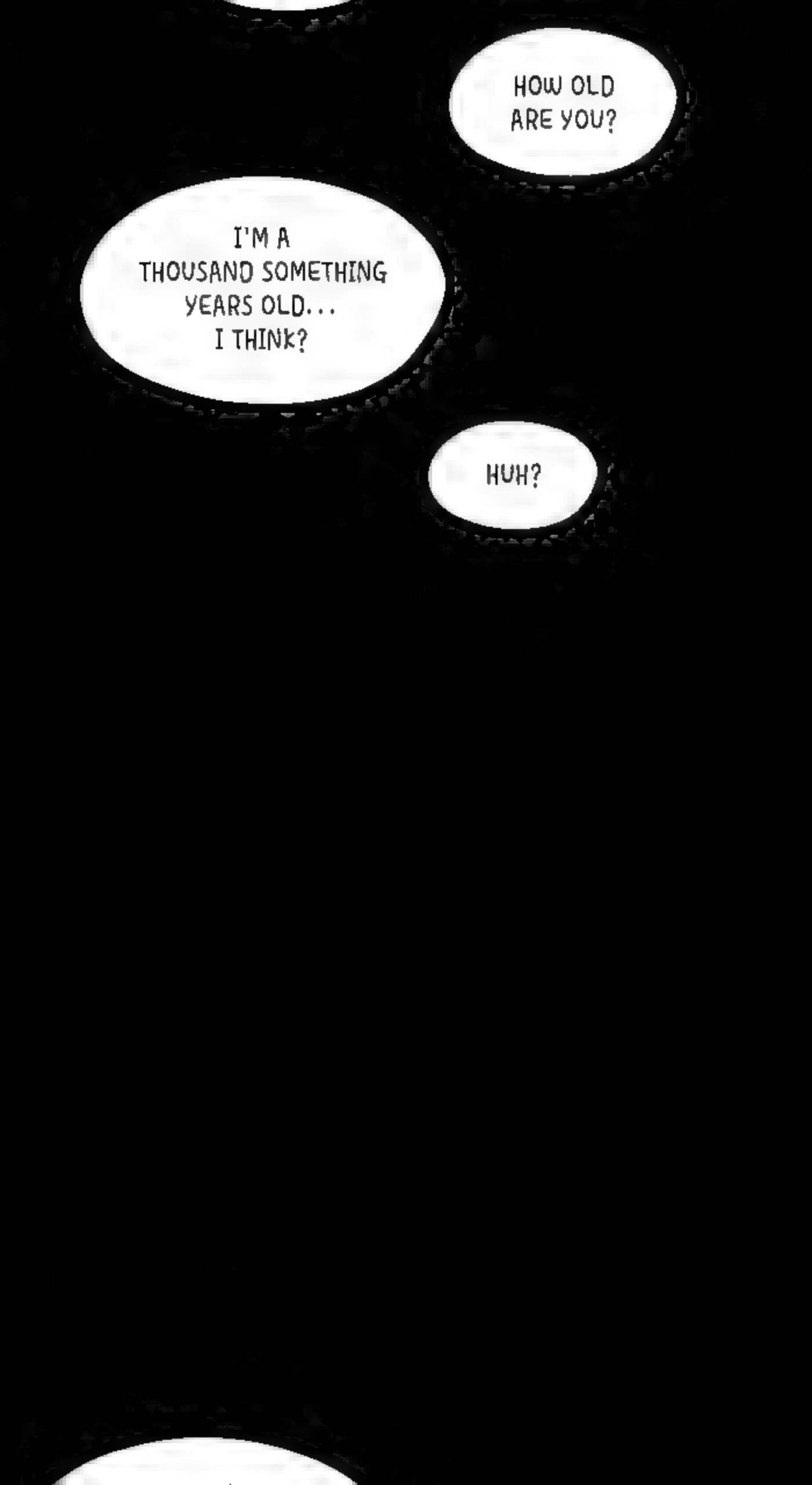
I DID NOT HAVE A WEDDING, BUT I HAVE A WIFE. WHAT A FITTING NAME FOR ME...

WHAT ABOUT

YOU, SIR?
I MEAN...
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I AM THE LORD COUNCILLOR'S SLAVE...



AH,
YOU CAN TALK
TO ME WITHOUT
HONORIFICS!


HOW OLD ARE YOU?
I'M A THOUSAND SOMETHING YEARS OLD... I THINK?
HUH?

SO YOU'VE LIVED THROUGH THE THREE KINGDOMS PERIOD AND GORYEO UP UNTIL NOW...
SCRITCH
...AND YOU'VE MET ALL THOSE HUMANS?
YEAH. I THINK I'VE MET AROUND TEN?
WHY?

HUH?

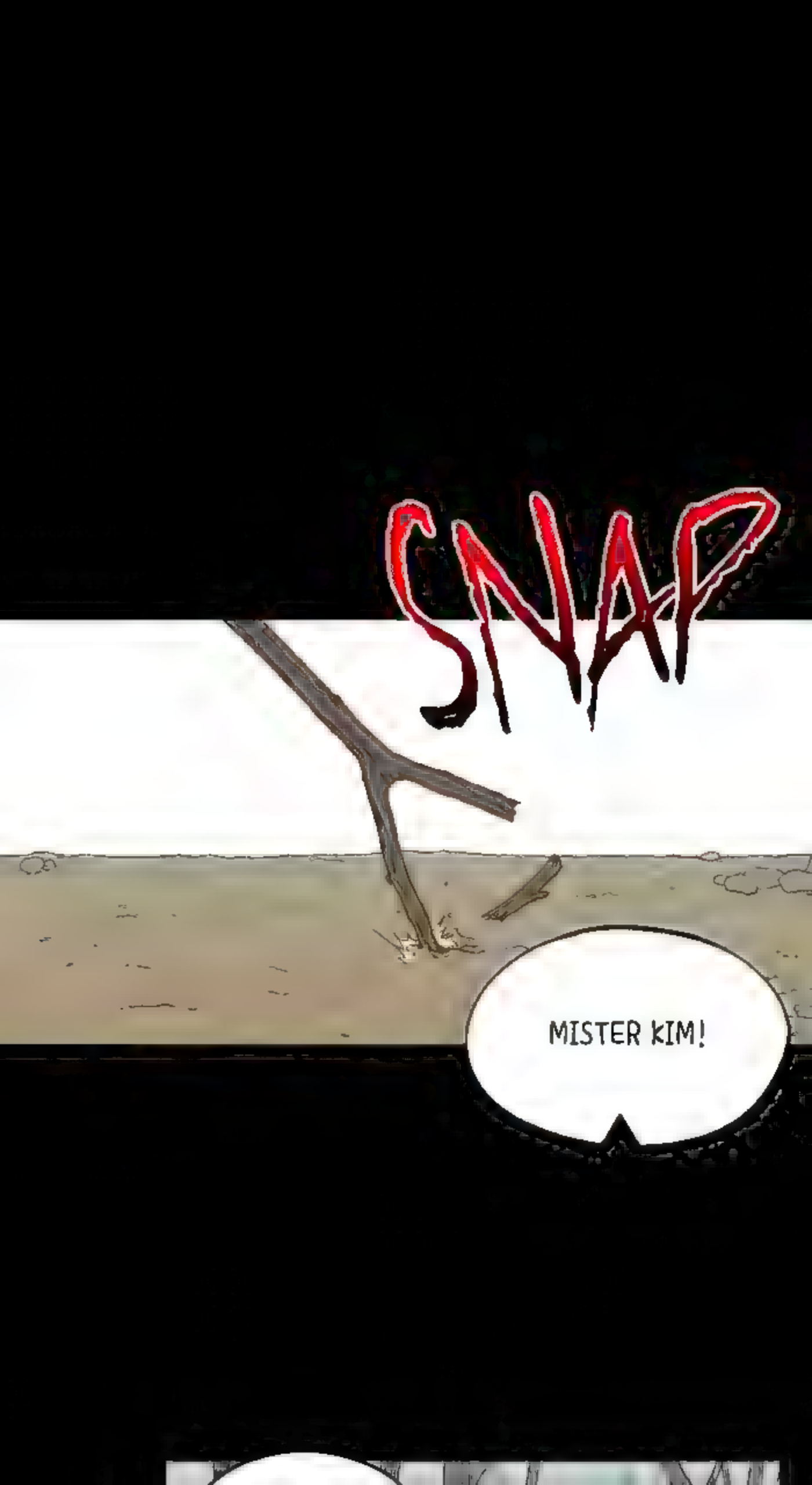
YOU SAID ALL OF THEM BETRAYED YOU.
WHY DO YOU KEEP TRUSTING HUMANS, THEN?

UM... WELL...
BECAUSE NOT ALL HUMANS ARE THE SAME...?
YOU'RE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER HUMANS I'VE MET.
BUT HUMANS HAVE USED YOU TO GET HERBS,
AND SOME HAVE EVEN TRIED TO KILL YOU FOR MONEY OR FAME.

AREN'T YOU SICK OF IT?
IT HURTS MY FEELINGS...
...BUT I'M SURE EACH OF THEM HAD THEIR OWN REASONS THAT WERE MORE IMPORTANT THAN ME...

REASONS...
CAN YOU FORGIVE THEM IF YOU UNDERSTAND THEIR REASONS?
WHAT IF IT'S NOT JUST YOU THAT THEY HURT, BUT YOUR FAMILY TOO...?
JAB
JAB

WHAT IF THEY PERPETUALLY HUMILIATE YOU...?
WHAT IF THEY HAD NO GREATER CAUSE...
JAB
...AND EVERYTHING WAS JUST FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL GAIN...?

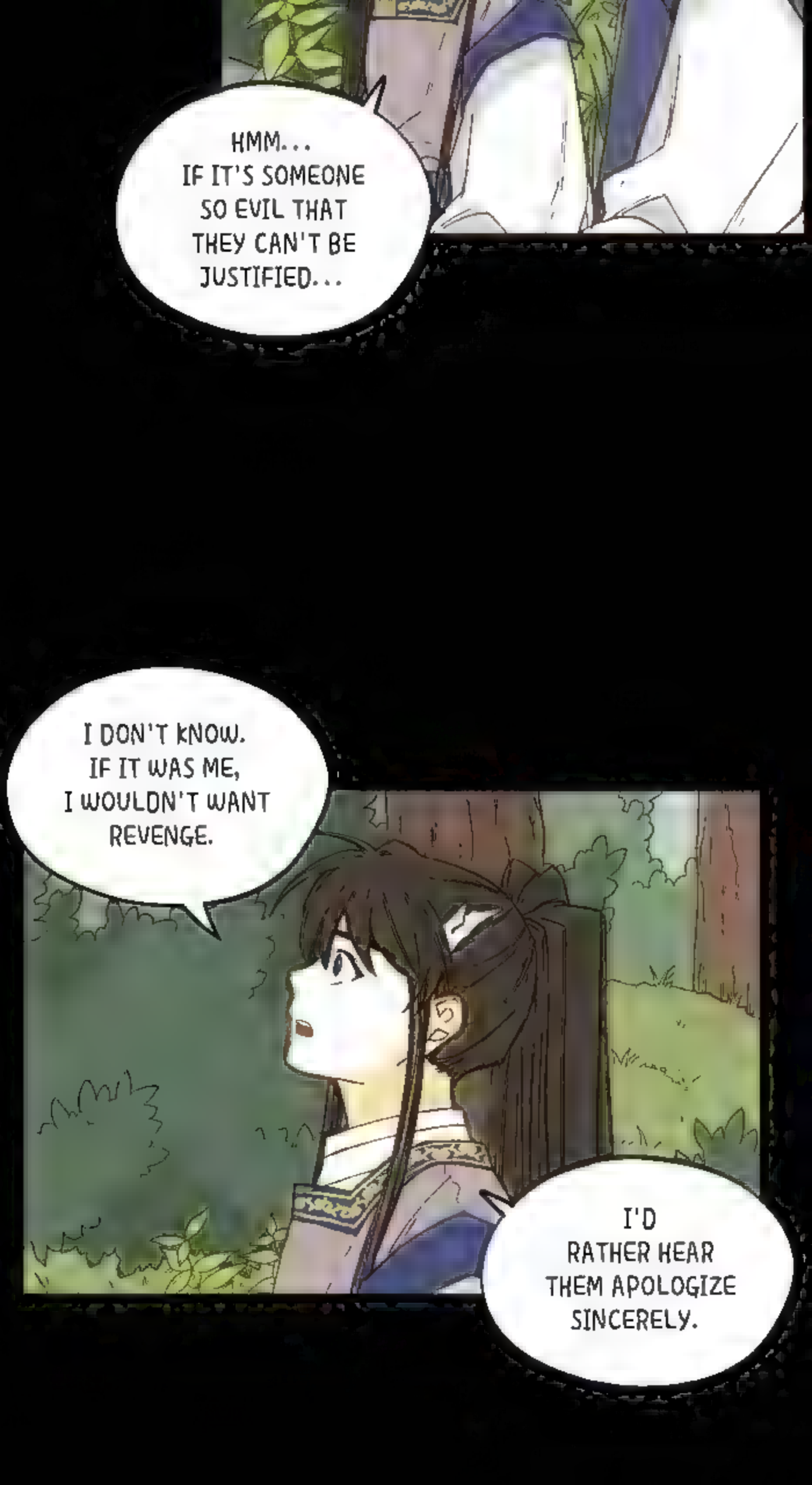

SNAP
MISTER KIM!

ARE YOU OKAY? YOUR FACE...
H-HUH?
YOUR EXPRESSION... YOU DIDN'T SEEM LIKE YOURSELF...

LIKE MYSELF...
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

HMM...
YOU'RE ALWAYS
KIND AND YOU ACT LIKE
A GENTLEMAN.
GENTLEMEN
AREN'T ALWAYS
KIND.
THERE'S
A SAYING THAT
A GENTLEMAN'S REVENGE
TAKES 10 YEARS TO
COMPLETE...

...
IS THERE SOMEONE YOU WANT TO TAKE REVENGE ON?
NO,
I WAS JUST GIVING AN EXAMPLE.


HMM...
IF IT'S SOMEONE SO EVIL THAT THEY CAN'T BE JUSTIFIED...
I DON'T KNOW. IF IT WAS ME, I WOULDN'T WANT REVENGE.
I'D RATHER HEAR THEM APOLOGIZE SINCERELY.

THAT WAY,
I COULD FORGIVE
THEM AND END THINGS
COMPLETELY.
FORGIVE...?
UPSET

HMM...?
NOTHING, NEVER MIND.
OF COURSE HE CAN SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT
HE'S NEVER BEEN THROUGH THIS HIMSELF.

I'M HUNGRY.
MISTER KIM, WANNA EAT FISH?
SURE...
LET'S GO!

BARI?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

OH, MISTER KIM.
WHO IS THIS BURIAL MOUND FOR...?
IT'S THE GRAVE OF AN OLD FRIEND.
TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASSING.

A FRIEND...
DOES THAT MEAN HE WAS A SNAKE YOU TRAINED WITH...?
NO.
HE WAS HUMAN.

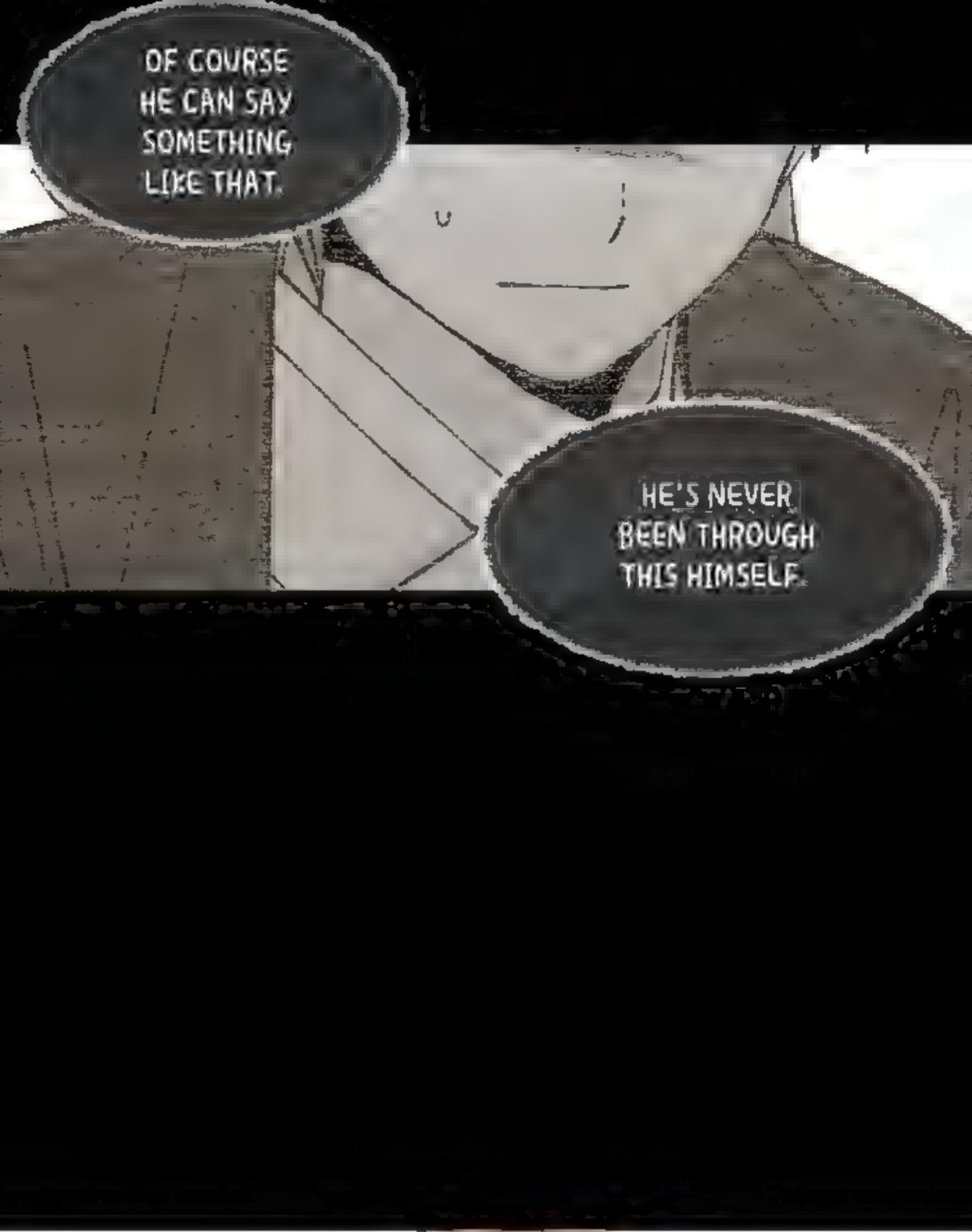
HUMAN...
YOU SAID ALL HUMANS BETRAYED YOU.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

IF HE HAD TO BETRAY ME, THE LEAST HE COULD DO WAS LIVE A GOOD LIFE...
...BUT EVEN IN DEATH...

...HE WAS CAST ASIDE BY EVERYONE...
I COULDN'T JUST LET HIM...
BRUSH
BRUSH
...BECOME AN UNBURIED GHOST.

PLEASE...
REST IN PARADISE.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FLUSH

I HEARD THAT'S WHAT HUMANS SAY.
HEHE
DID I DO IT RIGHT?

...
MISTER KIM?

MISTER KIM?

LOOKING BACK...

...THIS IS WHEN IT ALL BEGAN.

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